

Former Jay star in Hays Saturday

By DICK BOYD

Neal Philpot, Pittsburg State's 6-foot, 4-inch, 254 pound senior quarterback from Norton, led the Gorillas to a 56-6 win over Western State Colorado on August 26 in Pittsburg.

Philpot and the Gorillas will play Fort Hays State University's Tigers on Saturday in Hays

Pittsburg State dominated the game against Western State from the opening whistle. Philpot hit wide receiver Jermaine Carpenter with touchdown passes of 58 and 79 yards and scored on a six-yard run to give the Gorillas a 21-0 lead after just over 11 minutes.

Philpot connected with tight end Ryan Noble for a 12 yard touchdown in the second quarter where the lead grew to 35-0. Carpenter and Philpot connected again for a 12-yard score in the third period. Philpot finished 9 of 13 passing for 205 yards and four touchdowns. His performance moved him into second place on the Gorillas' career passing list with 4,211 yards and third place in career completions with 239. Philpot's four touchdown passes equaled the single-game record and gave Philpot 40 for his career, tying the school mark.

"I thought we came out and executed pretty well," Philpot said. "We have a bunch of young guys on the front line and they played really well for us. The line and backs did a great job in pass protection and the receivers made some great reads and great catches. It made my job easy. I thought our defense played well to, shutting down their All-American tailback."

Philpot returns for his fourth season as the Gorillas' starting

quarterback. He is one of the premier players in NCAA Division II and is a 2004 Harlon Hill Trophy candidate. Arguably the top option quarterback in Division II history, Philpot continues to assault PSU, MIAA and NCAA-II record books. He is bidding to become the first quarterback in DII history to rush and pass for 1,000 yards in a season three times.

He started the season on Thursday as the PSU career total offense leader with 6,945 yards and needed just 3,111 yards to set the MIAA career total offense record. He now has a 27-7 record as PSU's starter and needs just nine more wins in 2004 to lead the Gorillas to more victories than any quarterback in PSU history. He is the only sophomore in school history to be named a team captain and is a three-year team captain by vote of his teammates.

Philpot was the 2003 MIAA Offensive Most Valuable Player and a 2003 NCAA-II honorable mention All-American.

To play at Fort Hays

Philpot and the Gorillas will be in Hays on Saturday evening to play the Fort Hays State Tigers in Lewis Field Stadium. Kickoff will be 7 p.m.

A number of Norton Blue Jay fans are expected to be in the crowd to watch the former star Norton football player who has made tremendous progress since his outstanding prep career.



The team of Johnny Ankenman, Travis Smith and Brandy Ankenman rounded up and separated several calves as a part of a team penning competition at last Friday's Sharon Smith Memorial Saddle Roping contest at the Norton County Fairgrounds.

— Telegram photos by Charlotte Stephenson

House goes crunch

Whitney Construction's excavator made short work of demolishing an old house at the corner of Archer and Main in Norton.

— Staff photo by Carolyn Plotts



County looks for ambulance barn

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton County Commissioners are looking for a new ambulance barn.

Acting Ambulance Director Andy Nielsen said Monday that he and Tom Arprin, an engineer with BG Consultants, looked at a building south of the National Guard Armory.

He said the building was built in 1962 and is 5,000 sq. ft. Garage doors would have to be installed and the entrance would have to be paved, but that overall, the building looked good, he said.

He said Mr. Arprin thinks it's in good condition and structurally sound.

Commissioner Leroy Lang said they have to do this right.

The commissioners said they wanted to see the building and would also need more information and construction costs before they could decide anything.

Mr. Lang said that to get a grant to help with the building costs, the county will have to do a survey. An old survey is good for a little while longer, but will soon run out. He said they would keep working on it.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Heard from Mr. Nielsen that the county has been temporarily approved to get some of its money back for the first responders class. He said they still have to fill out paperwork, but once that is done, they should get a check for \$2,250.

- He said ten students took their test last Saturday. All passed their practicals and are now waiting on the written test scores. He said they should get the scores back in three to five weeks.

- Learned that state Emergency Medical Service Director Kerry McCue will be in Norton on Sept. 16.

- Mr. McCue will be giving a speech on documentation at a mandatory meeting for all Emergency Medical Service personnel. Mr. Nielsen said he will have to be in Topeka on Sept. 30 for a state board meeting.

- Spoke with volunteer emergency medical technician Jill Edgett about buying new medical first aid videos for classroom instruction. The videos would in-

clude "Medic First Aide for Professionals" and "Pediatric Child CPR". She said the tapes cost about \$350 apiece. She said with Norton County Ambulance as the training site, they would have around 100 people to certify each year. The tapes are good for about six years.

The commissioners said they could buy one tape with the money coming out of the ambulance service's education budget.

- Met with Road and Bridge Supervisor Tom Brannan and Richard Bates from Martin Tractor of Colby to talk about a 613 CII track wheel scraper. The scraper is a 1999 model and would have a six-month, 50-hour power-train warranty for parts and labor. Mr. Bates said if the county bought the scraper, a trade-in of the county's 613B for \$25,000 would make the final purchase price \$120,000.

The commissioners talked about the possibility of buying a new scraper because of the warranty and told Mr. Bates they would get back to him.

- Heard from Mr. Brannan that the state had contacted him to see if Norton County wanted to buy around 50,000 tons of millings that are near Edmond and Hill City. Tom said the county may be able to use the 20,000 tons by Edmond, but not the millings from Hill City. The cost would be \$2 per ton, which, Mr. Brannan said, was a good price. The commissioners asked him to see if payment could be delayed on the Edmond millings until 2005 for budget reasons.

- Learned from Mr. Brannan that he thought that several things aren't right and needed to be repaired by the contractor at the airport. He said some of the concrete was sealed before it had properly cured, and several cuts were made wrong.

He thought there should be something in the warranty to cover the concrete that was sealed and driven on to soon.

He said Engineer BG Consultants Tom Bennett took pictures of the possible problems.

- Took a tour of the airport apron project with Mr. Brannan and Mr. Arprin.

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